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Letter dated 3 August 2010 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 1 August 2010 from Major General Pak Rim Su, representative of the Panmunjom Mission of the Korean People's Army, addressed to the President of the Security Council of the United Nations (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Letter dated 1 August 2010 from Major General Pak Rim Su, representative of the Panmunjom Mission of the Korean People's Army, addressed to the President of the Security Council of the United Nations

I have the honour to write to you with regard to the touch-and-go situation of nuclear war being created on the Korean peninsula due to the reckless confrontational manoeuvres against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea by the United States and the south Korean bellicose forces under the pretext of the incident of the *Cheonan* sinking.

The presidential statement of the Security Council of the United Nations issued on 9 July 2010 expressed its regret at the occurrence of the incident of the *Cheonan* and called for the settlement of issues through dialogue and negotiation while stressing the importance of maintaining peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and in north-eastern Asia.

Having respected the presidential statement, the Panmunjom Mission of the Korean People's Army is having discussions with the United States forces side, the real entity of the "United Nations Command" in south Korea, on the issue of dispatching the inspection group of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in order to probe the truth of the incident of the *Cheonan* in a fair way.

In fact the incident of the *Cheonan* was an issue to be thoroughly discussed and settled between the north and the south of Korea. However, with a view to verifying the truth since the south Korean authorities have desperately denied the field investigation by the inspection group of the National Defence Commission, we could not but take the inevitable measure of contacting the United States forces side, which holds the prerogative command over the south Korean military and has been eagerly involved in this incident from the very beginning.

Nevertheless, the United States forces side has persistently objected to our demand of dispatching the inspection group of the National Defence Commission and unilaterally submitted to the Security Council the "special report" of the "United Nations Command" which entirely represents the fabricated position of the south Korean authorities.

As made public to the world, the so-called result of the "joint investigation" which linked the sinking of the *Cheonan* with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is nothing more than a fabrication and plot cooked up by the United States and the south Korean authorities with falsehood that has been brought to light.

This can be explained by all the materials presented by the United States and the south Korean authorities as the "conclusive evidence".

Therefore there exist persistent doubts in south Korea as well as in the United States over the "joint investigation result" that had been announced by the United

States and the south Korean authorities. Such doubts are ever more increasing since Russia dispatched its investigation team to the site of the incident.

The United States forces side tries to excuse itself saying that the "special report" of the "United Nations Command", the replica of the investigation result of the south Korean authorities which only increases doubts and incredibility, had been submitted to its higher organ and that the "special report" might have been known to the Security Council of the United Nations through the Department of Defense. However, the submission of the "special report" to the Security Council itself constitutes a mockery of world justice and truth and a shameless act which debases the United Nations.

Our proposal to dispatch the inspection group of the National Defence Commission is intended to investigate on the spot and make judgement on who is really responsible for the incident of the *Cheonan* which drove the situation of the Korean peninsula to the brink of war, thus defending peace and stability in the region.

Therefore the only way to ease the tension in the Korean peninsula and in north-eastern Asia prompted by the incident of the *Cheonan* is to realize the field investigation by the inspection group of the National Defence Commission.

The Security Council may have proper judgement on the incident once the investigation result of the inspection group of the National Defence Commission is released.

The incident of *Cheonan* is a matter that should surely be resolved between the north and the south of Korea in accordance with the presidential statement of the Security Council of the United Nations.

(*Signed*) Pak Rim Su
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